MINUTES
SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #04-10
Hamilton City Centre, 77 James Street North, Room 320B
Wednesday, April 14, 2010
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Present:
Councillor Chad Collins
Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Russ Powers
Beth Googar, Senior Director, Operations and Waste Management Division
Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
Pat Parker, Director of Support Services
Jennifer DiDomenico, Manager of Policy and Programs
Adam Watson, Policy/Program Analyst, Support Services
Jim Sweetman, Waste Reduction Task Force

Regrets:
Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Bryan Shynal, Director of Operations

1. Adoption of Agenda
The agenda was adopted as written.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Collins:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting on March 10, 2010

Moved by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Powers:

That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Diversion Program Updates

4.1 Community Outreach: ONE Container Limit Communications Strategy
Staff provided an update on the implementation of the ONE container limit, noting that compliance with the limit was at 98% over the first two weeks.

Staff provided an update on the special considerations applications and noted that there hasn't been a significant increase in the past month. This was attributed to the postcard mailed out in January which reminded people to submit their applications prior to the container limit coming into effect.

Councillor Powers noted that the largest compliant he has received has been from families who produce a lot of diapers. Staff indicated that a number of these families would qualify for special considerations under the program. Staff also noted that in cases where a household has two or more children using
diapers, it is more cost effective to consider a diaper service. Staff will provide information on diaper services and their cost benefits electronically for the Councillors.

Jim Sweetman made an inquiry about an area in Dundas where a number of households would prefer to pool their garbage for collection and how this could be dealt with under the one container limit. Councillor Pearson noted that there is also an area in her ward that does this. Staff requested that Jim email staff and copy Councillor Powers to make sure that this issue can be addressed.

Staff provided an update on illegal dumping since the introduction of the one container limit and stated that there has been no noticeable increase in the level of dumping in the first two weeks.

Councillor Pearson stated that she received an inquiry from a resident over the potential to divert kitty litter, as it comprises a significant portion of their garbage. Staff indicated that this could be explored in the master plan review along with other diversion options. Staff also noted that they did tour a kitty litter recycling facility during the time they were exploring different composting facilities.

### 4.2 Multi-Residential Diversion Implementation

Staff distributed the lists of the currently non-compliant multi-residential properties in each ward to each of the attending Councillors. A request was made for a timeline on how staff planned to proceed with these buildings. Staff provided information on what has already been done and what further action is planned with these properties. It was requested that a generic script be provided to each of the Councillors on the multi-residential program and the procedure that is being followed to address the non-compliant buildings. Staff will follow-up.

### 4.3 Other Diversion Options

Staff indicated that a presentation on the options being reviewed for the Diversion Options report will be presented to the Steering Committee at the May meeting.

### 5. Staff Presentation: Integration Study of an Energy From Waste (EFW) with the Operation of the Glanbrook Landfill

Staff gave a presentation on the Integration Study of an Energy From Waste (EFW) with the Operation of the Glanbrook Landfill, which is scheduled to be submitted at the Public Works Committee meeting on April 19th.

Major components and conclusions from the study were presented and staff indicated that would be integrated into the upcoming SWMMP review.

Staff clarified that the study focused on mass-burn technologies and that other technologies would be considered under the SWMMP review.

Staff outlined that the study and the SWMMP review will allow for discussion on the capacity and operation of the landfill. Councillor Powers noted that there are other technologies available to manage the residual fly ash which were not incorporated into this study and staff noted that these technologies could be included in discussions in the SWMMP review.

### 6. Federal/Provincial Legislation and Regulations Update

Staff provided an update on the comments submitted by staff on the EBR posting on proposed reforms to the environmental approvals process which would streamline approvals for low-risk applications and allow the MOE to focus resources on C of A applications.

Staff provided an update on the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario discussions related to current market issues with recyclables, specifically polystyrene, glass and newsprint caused by the financial difficulties faced by the companies who currently process these materials. Staff noted that discussions are taking place with the MOE on the potential for the Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) to engage the stewards of these materials to assist in addressing these problems. Staff will continue to update the committee on this issue.
7. Operations Update

7.1. Disposal Activities

Staff provided an update on the basket of goods price over the past few months and in comparison to the 2009 numbers.

Staff noted that municipalities are currently hesitant to make additional investments in their recycling operations due to the potential WDA changes being considered.

Councillor Collins made an inquiry on what surplus is being projected for the recycling program for 2010. Staff indicated that any surplus would be put back into the reserves.

Staff indicated that it will take some time to recover from the downturn in the recycling markets, but that the current contract arrangements help to protect our programs.

Staff noted that the spring rush has come early this year at the CRCs due to the warm weather however no line-ups have extended onto public streets. Police escorts and traffic controls will be used if this does occur. It was noted that curbside leaf and yard waste collection will commence the week of April 26th.

It was stated that the new contracts at the CRCs and landfill are going well. Faster operation, better performance and better customer service are occurring at the transfer stations and CRCs and landfill operations are good and the new equipment is doing better compaction.

Councillor Collins inquired whether the City collects loose rubbish adjacent to the transfer stations/CRCs, specifically adjacent to the rail lines at Kenora. Staff indicated that it depends on the source of the rubbish and how close it is to the rail lines. Staff will follow-up.

7.2. Collections Activities

Staff provided an update noting that the Team-up to Clean-up program was going well.

It was also stated that the completion of the MRF offices has been delayed until late in the third quarter of this year.

Councillor Pearson noted that she has observed better stacking of blue boxes by the contractor after collection.

8. Outstanding Action Items

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

9. Other Business

Councillor Pearson thanked staff on behalf of the Kawartha Lakes delegation for the tour of the MRF and CCF. It was also noted that it was good to see the sign on the CCF. Councillor Powers reiterated the positive remarks members of the delegation provided to him.

A request was made for future meeting notifications to be provided a week in advance of the meeting and that the agenda and minutes be sent out the Friday before the meeting. Staff will adhere to this new timeline.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in room 320B of the Hamilton City Centre.

There being no further business, the Committee was adjourned.

Motion by Councillor Powers, Seconded by Councillor Collins:

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 11:00am

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